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# FAIRFIELDS FORUM

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## THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome to the latest edition of the Fairfields Forum. As the summer draws to a close, we reflect on the last few months; our community achievements and challenges. Our green landscaped areas and gardens have been fried during the heat wave and will no doubt be grateful for the recent down pours.

In this newsletter, we welcome two new parish councillors - David and Edward and you can read more about them in the newsletter. We still have some vacancies for parish councillors so please do consider whether you can give some time to the parish council in their efforts to help make Fairfields a wonderful place to live.

Thank you to all those residents that have taken part in the recent 20mph speed survey. We still need a few more participants so please do go online to have your say. You hopefully will have noticed

the new speed indication device located on Vespasian Road which will help reduce the speed of vehicles on our roads and the risk of any accidents.

A date for your diaries - early October (exact date to be confirmed) 11.00am - is our next community litter pick. We will be in All Hallows Park with equipment so please come along if you can as many hands make light work.

I hope you have enjoyed the summer months, whether you have managed to get away for a holiday or have simply had time to enjoy our beautiful Fairfields in the sunshine.

With best wishes,

*Ian Hunt*

Chairman Fairfields Parish Council

*Introducing...*

## COUNCILLOR DAVID NICHOLAS

I have recently joined the Parish Council. I have lived in Milton Keynes for over 27 years and moved to Fairfields three years ago from Tattenhoe. I was a Councillor for 4 years with the Shenley Brook End and Tattenhoe Parish Council and I am pleased to bring my experience to Fairfields a new and forward-thinking council.

My interests are supporting as trustee two MK charities, art, painting in oils and acrylics.

I look forward to working with the council to get the amenities we need to meet the requirements of the residents.



## APOLLO GREEN

We look forward to seeing the Green in the Spring when the bulbs come up and hope that the wildflower areas will attract the insect, birds and bees to our green and that it will prove a good place to relax.

*Jean Nicholas*



The landscaped area is beginning to settle down on the Green, the wildflowers will be cut down in early September and the cuttings removed so that the wildflowers have a chance to get going in the Spring. The areas of wildflowers caused some consternation early on as it looked as though nothing was happening, but once the mown paths started to show it can now be seen taking shape. In early Autumn when the soil is softer, we will be planting bulbs along either side of the mown path from the seating area.

We are very pleased to see that the tree surgeon who worked on the Ash to take out the dead branches leaving a stump, was correct in his advice that this was the best possible way of saving the tree as it is now sprouting leaves and looking very healthy as you can see from this photo...

## PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT

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*Introducing...*

## **COUNCILLOR EDWARD MARTIN**

Edward Martin is an electrical engineer with over 45 years working in the energy sector now semi-retired working as a consultant.

Throughout his career Edward has worked in North Africa and has had to deal with local government and the British Embassy. He is very comfortable working with people of all levels of management and governments.

Edward and his family moved to Newport Pagnell in 1985 when he worked for Laing Home division in Rooksley MK.

In 2003 Edward and his wife moved to Spain due to his job. Whilst living in Spain he helped run the community where he lived dealing with budgets for the running of the community including all maintenance issues from the developer to local council issues, so he totally understands community life.



## **SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE**

The Parish Council have now purchased and installed a second device. This is on Vespasian Road which we felt was a good spot as it reminds drivers as they enter the development that they should not be speeding. As with the first device, which is installed on Apollo Avenue heading down the slope to the school, the "Thank You" for not speeding sign is set to register up to 20mph in green and any speed over that "Slow Down" is in red.

We are working towards having the speed limit will on Fairfields lowered to 20mph from 30mph and on the adjacent page you will see a petition which will go to Milton

Keynes Council with our proposition to bring down the speed limit.

The council will not consider this proposition until they have proof that a large number of residents back it.

**LET'S TRY  
AND KEEP OUR  
SPEEDS DOWN,  
YOU KNOW  
20MPH MAKES  
SENSE**

**20 IS  
PLENTY  
SLOWDOWN IN  
FAIRFIELDS!**

**Please sign the petition** and help us see the speed limit on roads within the Fairfields estate reduced to 20mph.

**Why is this important?** We understand that Milton Keynes Council will consider this change but one of the requirements to make that change happen is for there to be evidence that residents want to see it happen.

**Please log in and sign the petition below**

**SHORTURL.AT/ILWZE**

Alternatively, you can open your camera app and scan the QR code!





## MILTON KEYNES PLAY ASSOCIATION SESSIONS DURING SCHOOL SUMMER HOLIDAYS

We organised for the play sessions with Milton Keynes Play Association to be held during the school summer holidays. The five sessions ran on Friday mornings and were held on the grass area with access from Magnus Grove and Allhallows Play Park. They were funded by the Parish Council and Cross Keys Homes. The sessions were provided free of charge and were a great success with 38 families registered for one session despite the heatwave.

### *Laelia Drive* by Jean Nicholas

Our thanks to Jenny Burn for starting this series. Jenny has moved away from Fairfields so we will try to continue the series of understanding where our Roman road names come from. Laelia although a Roman name is actually the Roman name given to a Spanish city inhabited for decades by the Romans.

#### **Roman city of Laelia - Province of Seville, Spain**

Laelia was an ancient city located in the Cerro de la Cabeza near Olivares in the Province of Seville, Spain. The site of Cerro de la Cabeza de Olivares is one of the most unique heritage sites in the province of Seville. It was founded in the Late Bronze Age during the Tartessian period, it was named by Roman settlers in the 2nd Century BC as Laelia.

The city remained populated by the Romans without much change until the Christian conquest of the area in the 13th century when it became integrated with the city of Turdetan, following which it became an important commercial and productive city that even minted its own currency in the Republican era and developed a considerable population.

Laelia played an important role in the trade of metals obtained from the nearby Aznalcollar mines, as well as in the agricultural products of the rich plains of Aljarafe. The Guadiamar river, navigable at the time, served as a way of getting these products to the sea.

In the surroundings archaeologists have found numerous pottery remains, also the remains of a medieval hydraulic mill and the port area of the city. Its position, next to the Guadiamar Green Corridor, also makes it a place of great environmental



# - STONY STRATFORD'S - RIVERSIDE FAIR

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Over the past 14 years we have had great success with organizing and delivering the Stony Stratford Riverside Fair, and this year was no different except it was much better. We attracted more families and larger families than in years past. Also,

the general mix of families, the elderly, and ethnic mix was greater. So, it with great pride that I say thanks to our sponsors the fair was a real success. The weather was perfect so, the majority of families came with blankets and picnics. More people came this year than they did last year. Each year we do a survey to find out what people think about the fair and what changes we can make for next year. The majority said they felt the fair offered a wide range of rides, stalls, and food options. The survey revealed that everyone suggested that the rides were suitable for most ages, mostly the 0-10-year-olds. The circus skills and games were back as part of the attractions after two years of the pandemic and a reduced sized fair. The older children felt that they were fun with a wide

mix of things to do and were appropriate for their age group. The majority of people attending the fair consisted of between 3 people and 10 people. There was a wide mix of three generation families, with a family of 4 or 5, being 2 children and 2 or 3 adults.

In terms of advertising, we had put posters up in the town locally and in posters in the schools, including Fairfield school and local community board.

We are more than grateful to all our sponsors, namely the MK Community fund, Ancell Trust, Fairfields Parish council and Stony Stratford Town Council for their support and the grants they provided. Your contribution brings a lift to the local community by providing the funds that enable us to offer to the community

a wonderful, friendly and most importantly a Free afternoon of entertainment through The Stony Stratford Riverside Fair. Your generosity is so important as it brings an invaluable afternoon for the community.



# CALLING ALL COMMUNITY HEROES



**Fairfields Parish Council  
NEEDS YOU!**

MAKE A CHANGE  
BECOME A COUNCILLOR

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